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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING CONNECTIONS OF PC CARDS AND A PASSIVE-CARD-ADAPTING CARD USED FOR CONNECTING ONE OF THE PC CARDS TO THE APPARATUS

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Sir:

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's Statement of the Reasons for Allowance attached to the Notice of Allowability dated November 28, 2007 and submits that the allowed claims recite subject matter which further supports patentability for reasons in addition to those identified in the Reasons for Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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